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Maryland Man Indicted in Connection with Theft from Organization that Provides Services to Victims of Child Abuse

Washington, D.C. - Marvin Perry, 46, of Waldorf, Maryland, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on a single charge of Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds, in connection with a scheme to steal money from the National Children's Alliance, a non-profit organization that assists victims of child abuse, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and U.S. Department of Justice, Inspector General Glenn A. Fine. Perry faces a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years of imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, a three-year term of supervised release, and an order of restitution. Under the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, Perry faces a sentence of 21 to 27 months of incarceration and a fine of up to \$50,000.

According to the Indictment, the National Children's Alliance ("NCA"), is a nationwide, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. The organization provides services to Children's Advocacy Centers, multi-disciplinary teams, and professionals across the country. NCA receives federal assistance to operate its programs. Since 1995, NCA has received approximately \$76 million in federal grant money from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs.

From approximately September 19, 2001 until March 1, 2008, Perry was employed at NCA as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). In this capacity, his duties were to oversee the operation of all of NCA's financial management. He directly supervised Sharon Martin, the Finance Director and Michael Young, a staff accountant, both of whom were also involved in the scheme.

As CFO, Perry was responsible, in conjunction with the Executive Director and Treasurer, for annual budgeting, cash management plans, and other projections. Perry guided development and implementation of accounting policies and procedures. He also interfaced with auditors, board committees, banks and other departments. He supervised the accounting staff, managed employee benefits, and worked with the Executive Director on other activities related to strengthening NCA's financial position.

From approximately October 31, 2005 until December 15, 2007, Perry allegedly embezzled approximately \$64,390.16, in the form of additional paychecks, to which he and other NCA employees were not entitled.

Previously, Sharon Martin entered a guilty plea to Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds, and was sentenced by the Honorable Ricardo Urbina, United States District Court Judge, to five years of probation, six months of home detention, and restitution of \$15,857.15. Michael Young pleaded guilty to Second Degree Theft, and was sentenced by Judge Urbina to 180 days incarceration, execution of sentence suspended, but for two days (one weekend to be served in prison), 24 months of probation, and restitution of \$9,479.20.

In announcing today's Indictment, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and Inspector General Fine commended the work of Special Agent Greg Tremaglio, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, and the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Paralegal Carolyn Cody and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri L. Schornstein, who is prosecuting the case.

An Indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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